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5 1. An electronic apparatus including a memory to which a power is supplied from a main power supply of the apparatus, a main switch for controlling turn-on/turn-off of the main power supply of the apparatus and a soft-switch for controlling mechanical closing/opening of the main switch, said apparatus further comprising:

10 control means for determining whether important data which causes serious damage when erased is stored in the memory, when the shutdown of the main power supply is instructed by the soft-switch, and for controlling a shutdown operation of the main power supply by the main switch according to a result of the  
15 determination.

20 2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means inhibits the mechanical opening of the main switch when it is determined that important data is stored in the memory.

25 3. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means warns a user that important data is being erased, when it is determined that the important data is stored in the memory.

4. An apparatus according to claim 1, further

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